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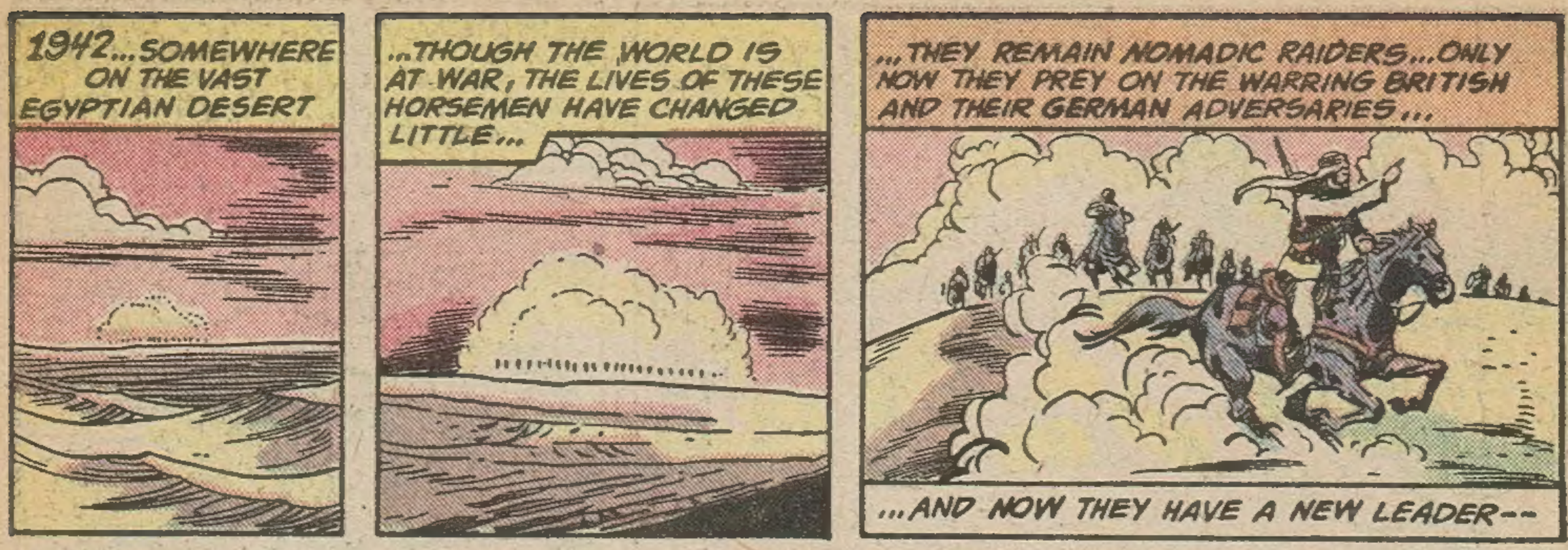
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"The MAN with the OPENED EYE"

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HOLD IT UP HERE, SHAMAL--TELL ME AGAIN WHAT YOUR BROTHER KNOWS OF THE MAN WITH THE OPENED EYE...

YES, OH DIGGER OF GRAVES...

SINCE YOU DEFEATED GAMAL IN COMBAT AND BECAME OUR LEADER*, I HAVE NO SECRETS FROM YOU...

MY BROTHER WORKS FOR BOTH THE GERMANS AND THE BRITISH. HE KNOWS THE WHEREABOUTS OF HE WHOM YOU SEEK...

*LAST ISSUE.--PAUL!

WE SHALL SOON REACH THE MILITARY UNIT HIDING THE MAN WITH THE OPENED EYE...

THIS IS THE INFORMATION I HAVE FROM MY BROTHER, OH DIGGER OF GRAVES...

TRUST MY DIRECTIONS AND WE SHALL BOTH HAVE WHAT WE SEEK...

...WE, A COMPANY OF SOLDIERS TO RAID--AND YOU, THE MYSTERIOUS MAN WITH THE OPENED EYE--!

SHOULD I TRUST HIM? OR IS HE LEADING ME INTO A TRAP?

BUT SUDDENLY...

BLAM

THE EXPLOSION ROCKS THE SHIFTING SANDS... AND FOR SEVERAL MOMENTS, GRAVEDIGGER LIES STUNNED... THEN...

THAT WAS A TANK SHELL-- SOMEONE'S SPOTTED US!

IT'S A BUNCH OF BRITISH TANKS!

NO! DON'T FIRE! THEY HAVEN'T SEEN US -- THEY WERE FIRING BLIND!

NOW WE SHALL RAID THEM, FOOLISH DIGGER OF GRAVES-- IMAGINE HOW POWERFUL WE SHALL BE IF WE CAPTURE THE IRON BEASTS--!

YOU TOOK ME FOR YOUR LEADER-- AND YOU'LL OBEY ME!

BUT, OH DIGGER OF GRAVES-- THIS IS THE UNIT THAT HIDES THE MAN WITH THE OPENED EYE!

THAK

UNNFF--!

WHAT--!? BUT THE MAN I'M LOOKING FOR IS A GERMAN AGENT--!

WHAT COULD HE BE DOING WITH A BRITISH TANK UNIT!?

BUT ABOARD THE BRITISH TANKS... THE ANSWER IS CLEAR--AT LEAST TO ONE MAN...

DUMMKOPFS! THEY DELAY MY RENDEZVOUS BY FIRING BLIND AT SUPPOSED RAIDERS!

I SAY, WHERE ARE WE GOING--?

I HAVE TO GET SOUTH IN TIME TO MAKE MY TRANSFER-- I HAVE TO GET THROUGH SO I CAN DELIVER DEFENSE PACKET SIX!

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BLAMM

WE...WE MUST TRAVEL SOUTH, CAPTAIN -- ENGAGE THE ENEMY!

NO DISRESPECT, COLONEL... BUT YOU'RE NOT IN COMMAND HERE-- AND WE HAVE STANDING ORDERS TO REPEL THOSE ARAB RAIDERS...

MOMENTS LATER... AS THE SECOND SHELL ARCS OVER THE SAND DUNES...

KA-BLOOM

SCATTER!

IF SHAMAL IS RIGHT--IF THE GERMAN COURIER CARRYING DEFENSE PACKET SIX IS WITH THIS UNIT--HE MUST BE A SPY--DISGUISED AS A BRITISH SOLDIER!

MOUNT UP!

I HATE THE IDEA OF ATTACKIN' THE BRITISH--AMERICA'S ALLIES--BUT I HAVE TO STOP 'EM--AND FIND THAT COURIER!

HE IS A TRUE LEADER--HE HOLDS NO ALLIANCE TO ANY SIDE! HEYAAA!

EVEN AS THE CHARGE BEGINS, HOWEVER...

NO! NO! WE'RE TOO LATE!

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POW

KAPAW

BLAMM

BLAMM

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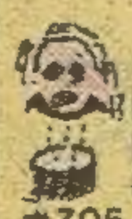

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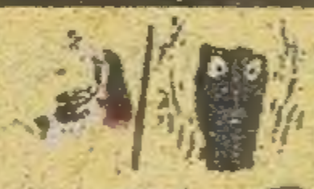

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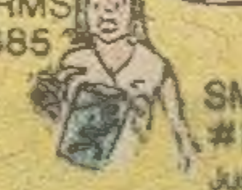

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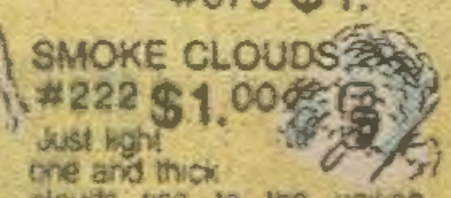

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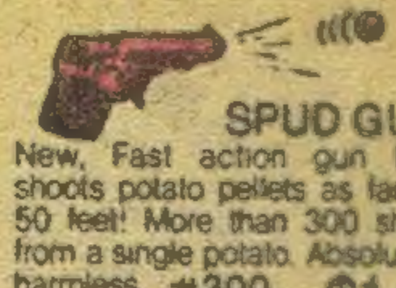

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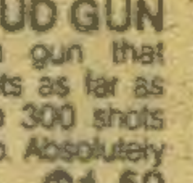

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I THOUGHT WE'D BE A DIVERSION-- PREVENT ANY ENEMY CONTACT UNTIL I'D HAD A CHANCE TO CONFRONT THE SPY!

BLAMM

BLAMM

THAT LEAD TANK... HE'S DELIBERATELY GOADING THE GERMANS--IT'S SUICIDE!

BLAMM

BLAMM

THEY'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT US--AND THAT LEAD TANK--HEY!

SHAMAL-- GIVE ME THAT PAIR OF SPYGLASSES OF YOURS!

THAT BLAST-- IT COULDN'T HAVE DAMAGED THAT BRITISH TANK-- YET IT STOPPED IN ITS TRACKS WHEN-- GOOD GLORY!

THAT OFFICER-- HE'S ABANDONING THE BRITISH TANK-- HEADED FOR THE GERMANS...

HE MUST'VE KILLED THE BRITISH TANK CREW-- HE'S GOTTA BE THE MAN WITH THE OPENED EYE!

HE'S USING THIS BATTLE TO HIDE A TRANSFER OF DEFENSE PACKET SIX!

GOTTA STOP HIM!

THOSE ENGLISH BOYS THINK THEY'VE DRIVEN THE KRAUTS OFF--BUT THEY'RE *WRONG!*

BLAMM

THE GERMANS *HAVE* WHAT THEY CAME FOR-- AND THEY'RE SKEDADDLIN' ON THEIR *OWN!*

BUT THEY'VE GOT A *PASSENGER* NOW--!

BUT AS ULYSSES HAZARD'S HAND PULLS THE PIN ON THE DEADLY GRENADE--THE HAND OF FATE INTERVENES...

DROPPED IT-- IT'S GONNA BLOW-- AND I'M RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN!

BLAMMM

ARRRAAAHHHH!

BOOM

LONG HOURS OF PAINFUL DARKNESS FINALLY END, AND ULYSSES HAZARD RETURNS TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING...

UNNN...

AH, THE DAREDEVIL "GRAVEDIGGER" FINALLY JOINS US!

YES, I HAVE *HEARD* OF YOU... LET ME INTRODUCE *MYSELF*: I AM *ERIC VONKING* -- KNOWN TO THE LOCALS -- AND TO *YOURSELF* -- AS... *THE MAN WITH THE OPENED EYE!*

AND THIS IS *DEFENSE PACKET SIX* -- THE *ENTIRE PLANS* FOR THE GERMAN DEFENSE OF THE FRENCH COAST!

IT -- AND *I* -- ARE HEADED BY A ROUNDABOUT ROUTE TO *BERLIN!* AND YOU, MY DEAR GRAVEDIGGER...

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Dear Paul,

Obviously you will notice a difference between the war books that you edit and those of your fellow editor, Murray Boltinoff. For the record, may I say that I prefer Boltinoff's books because of that difference.

I have purchased another issue of *MEN OF WAR* though, and I wish to state the reason: I will buy any book that includes the work of Chaykin, Kanigher or Grandenetti. Issue number ten includes all three.

To Jerry: your pictures are the most realistic I've seen in war comics. War *is* hell.

To Howard: your style appears simple at first glance. Stark, intense and moody, it matches Bob's words perfectly.

To Bob: you are not getting older. Every story is fresh and original.

To you, Paul: thanks for providing me with these men's contributions.

Robin Snyder
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Your letter brings to mind an interesting question for the readership at large: which of DC's war comics do you enjoy the most, and why? We're curious as to the reasons why you enjoy Murray's books more, although we can surmise several, including the incomparable consistency of his magazines. Let us know, okay.—PL.

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Dear Paul,

The more I read of this comic the more disenchanted I become with Gravedigger. While it's good to have a normal feature in the front to balance out the two offbeat stories in back, Gravedigger's main problem is just that—he's too ordinary. He seems to have lost much of the uniqueness that was with him at the beginning, and now seems like the typical Noble Black Hero going on the typical assignments.

While I always welcome stories which explore the horror of the prison camps, the kids and the Gramps in this month's tale had hardly any depth or character at all, and the tradgedy of their losses seemed meaningless. The art seems fairly uninspired and I've seen much better from Ayers and Tanghal.

On the other hand, I'm getting more excited about the back-up features all the time. I hope, when you go back to 17 pages, that these two will stay and Ulysses Hazard will go (perhaps he could join the Losers or something.) Both of these features are exciting, well-drawn, well-written and *different*. "Glory Soldier" showed a strong Kanigher influence but Cary's people seem more real; when we heard those baby's cries coming from the shot-up house it was *frightening*. A wonderful statement on war's lack of glory.

When you can please an old-time Kubert fan like me with a new Enemy Ace series, you know you're doing something right. I'm *very* pleased. Though the ending seemed a bit rushed—and the art wasn't quite so tight as last time—I loved this conclusion story. Intense characterization, gripping emotionalism, and the series' recurring theme of the killer skies; they were all there. It was great. If Howie ever leaves this series, I hope it *won't* be continued unless his replacement is of the same quality.

Beppe Sabatini
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We're working on new directions for Gravedigger as is evident with the last few stories, but these directions definitely will include the continuation of our two other regular series. This issue we're giving them a breather by presenting stories originally done for our short-lived ARMY AT WAR title, and next issue we'll balance this month's short Gravedigger with a novel-lengther. Then back to normal.—PL.

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Dear Paul,

I am glad to see that Roger McKenzie seems to be taking the chip off Gravedigger's shoulder. Keep it off. The classic *DC* war hero's appeal was based on the character's personal honor and his being able to overcome his problems and fears by reasonable thought and will to survive. Quiet inner strength. He was not motivated by hate for stereotype villains and cardboard bigots. In fact, hate, as character motivation, was attacked in Bob Kanigher's very first Johnny Cloud story. Check it out. It's a worthwhile story.

Cary Burkett's Dateline-Frontline is excellent. I especially like the fact that it's set before America's official entry into WW II. It's nice to see Jerry Grandenetti on a regular feature.

Enemy Ace is the reason I buy *MOW*. George Evans has a well-deserved reputation as a WW I airplane artist. I think he would be more at home on Enemy Ace than on the Losers. And it would be great if Evans or Severin could ink Ayers on Gravedigger. Tanghal is too stiff and cartoonish. E.R.Cruz or Maurice Whitman could replace Evans on the Losers. Think about it.

Sincerely,
Bob Davis
Phila., Pa.

Chaykin's Enemy Ace has gotten a rousing fan reaction, so we don't plan to change that art assignment unless we have to... but with the Losers moving into G.I. COMBAT, George Evans has been freed up for some new assignments, and we wouldn't be at all surprised to see him in this mag somewhere. Severin, sad to say, is far more unlikely.—PL.

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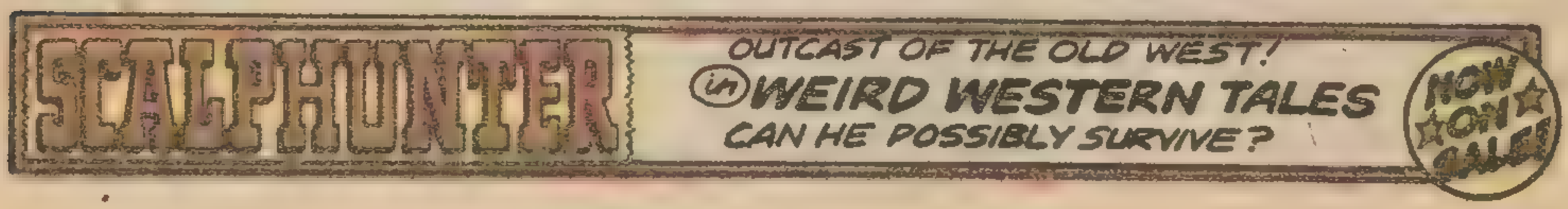
NEXT ISSUE: "The Mark Of The Gravedigger"—a full-length novel by Jack C. Harris, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal. Be here!—Paul Levitz.



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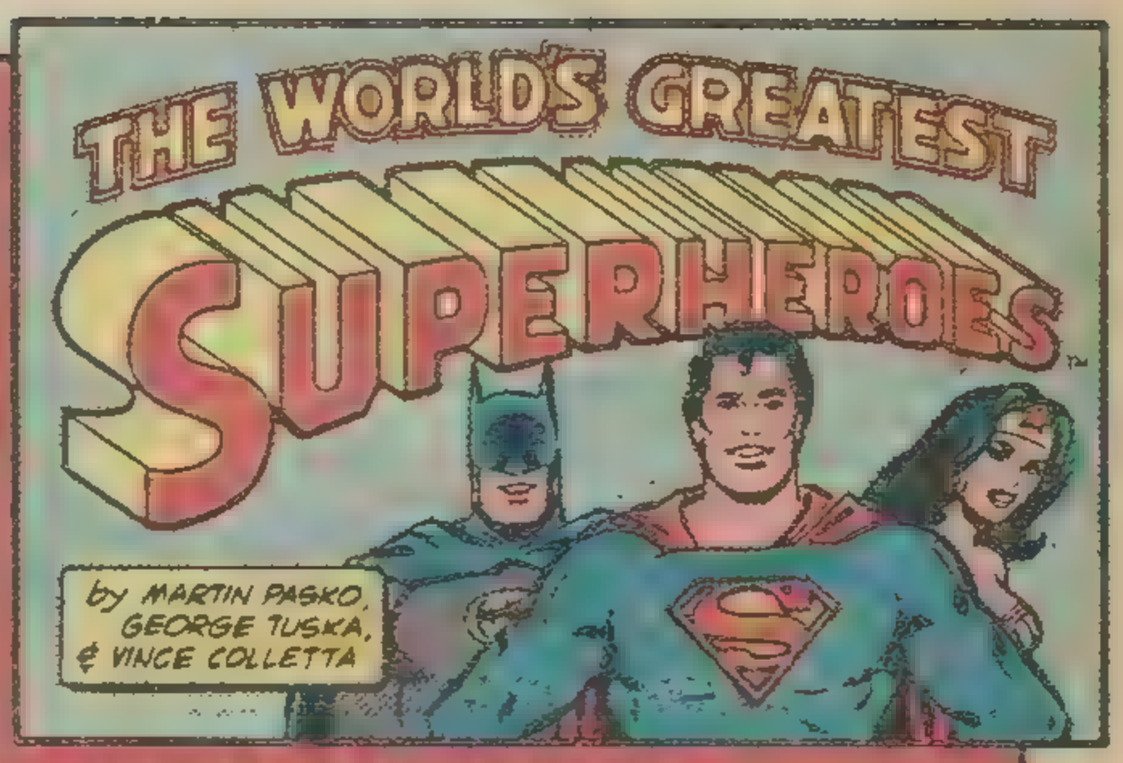

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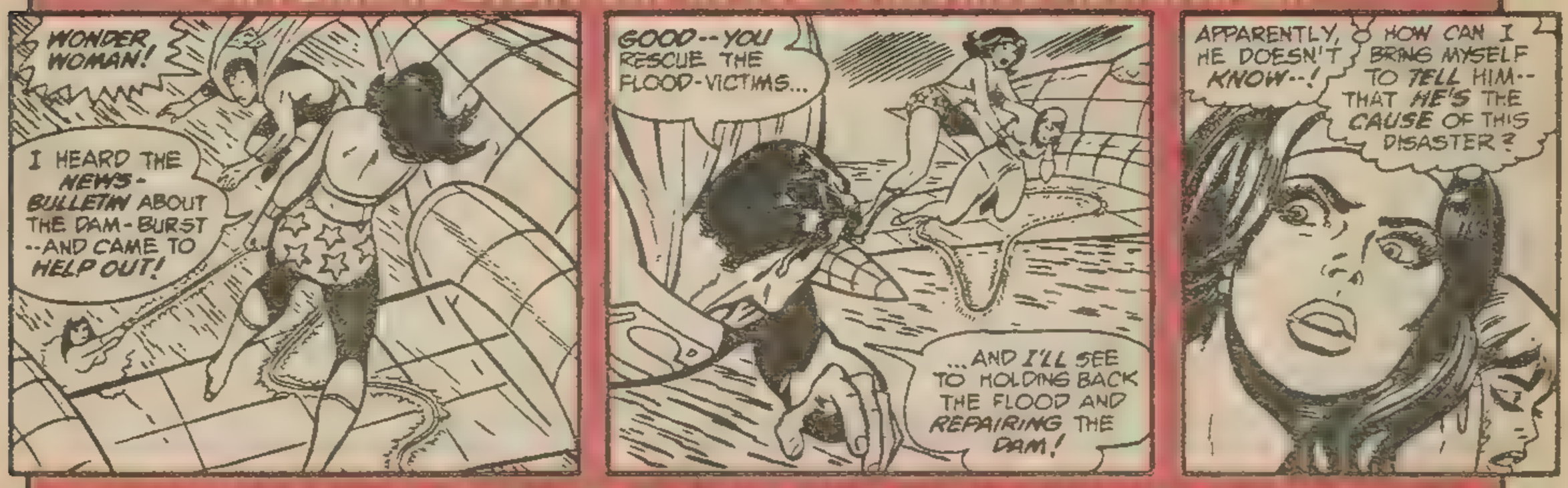
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JA! EACH NIGHT WE *SINK MORE* OF THEIR--

--*MEIN GOTT!* LOOK!

AN *AMERIKANISCHE SUB!* BUT HOW DID IT GET THROUGH OUR U-BOAT FLEETS..? WE MUST *DESTROY* IT--

NEIN, KAMERADE! I HAVE A *BETTER IDEA!* THIS MINNOW WILL BE USEFUL TO US!

I SHALL *CAPTURE* IT... AND BRING IT BACK AS AN *EXAMPLE*... TO MAKE FOOLS OF THE ALLIES!

MEANWHILE...

ONE OF THE U-BOATS IS *PURSUING,* CAPTAIN DALEY!

DIVE! WE'VE GOT TO OUTRUN HIM!

WHAT?! WHY'D I *EVER* SIGN ON FOR THIS *NURSEMAID MISSION?*

WE OUGHTA *BLAST* 'EM BOTH SKY HIGH!

AND MAYBE WE'D DO THAT, TAGGART-- *IF* WE WERE A *COMBAT* SUB! BUT OUR JOB IS TO FIND A PATH FOR THE *CONVOY* COMING THROUGH *TOMORROW*... NOT TAKE ON EVERY U-BOAT WE SEE!

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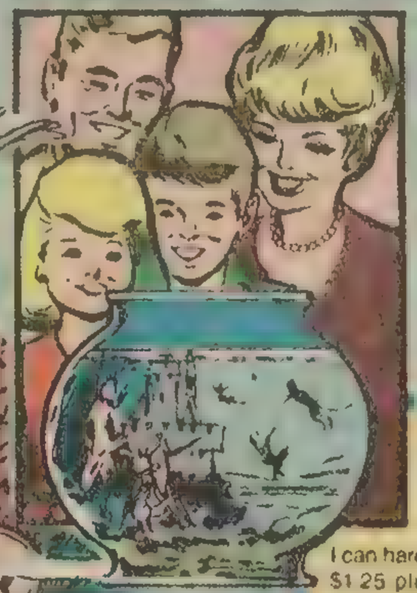

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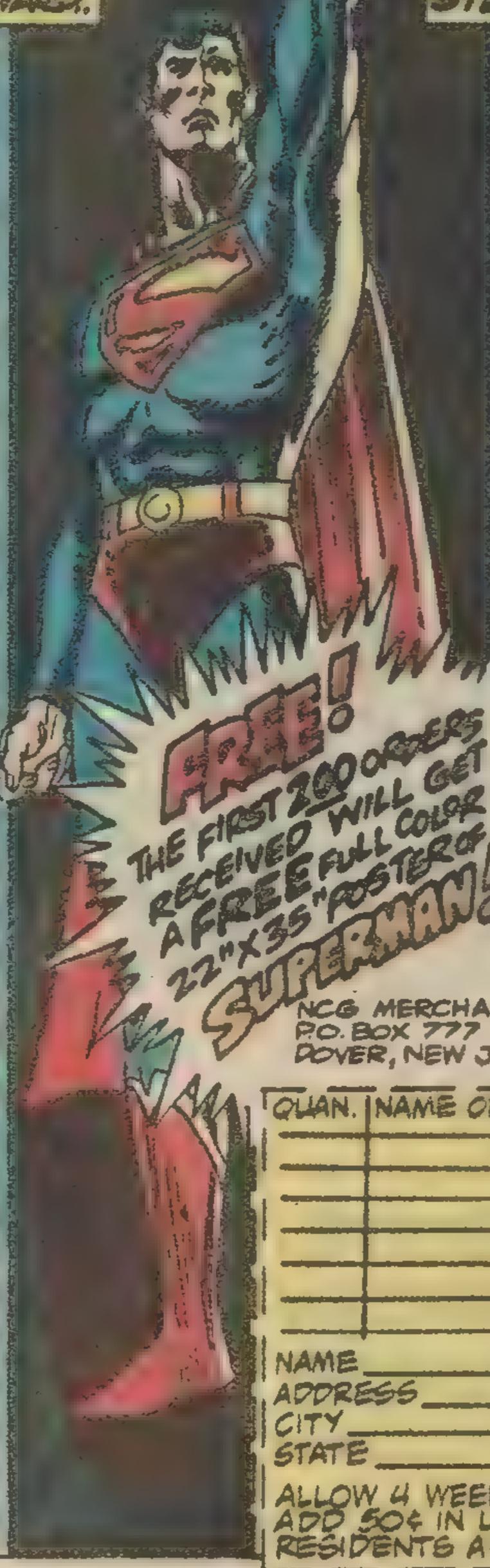

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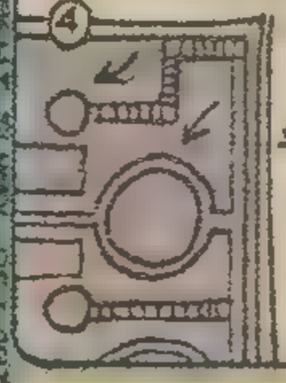

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WE'VE HIT *BOTTOM*, CAP'N...RIGHT NEXT TO AN *UNDERSEA CAVERN*. WHAT NOW?

THESE WATERS ARE *SHALLOW*... GOT TO BE SURE THE U-BOAT IS GONE!

SO WE *WAIT*... SWEAT IT OUT!

THE CAPTAIN--*LOOK* AT 'IM! WE'RE SWEATIN' BULLETS; BUT HE SEEMS TO GET *STRONGER*...

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SOMETHING'S HIT US!

NO! THE U-BOAT'S DROPPING A *TRAWL NET* ON US!

B-BUT, CAPTAIN--HOW CAN YOU TELL?

NEVER MIND! BUT IF THAT WIRE MESH *HOOKS* ON OUR RUDDER--WE'RE FINISHED! *PREPARE TO SURFACE!*

IN SECONDS, THE AMERICAN SUB BEGINS TO *CLIMB*...WITH THE U-BOAT CLOSE BEHIND...

WE'VE *SHAKEN* THE NET, CAPTAIN...BUT THE KRAUTS ARE STILL ABOVE US!

THEY'LL MAKE THEIR MOVE WHEN WE'VE *SURFACED!* GET READY TO MAN THE *DECK GUNS!*

BUT THE U-BOAT BREAKS TO THE SURFACE *FIRST*, AND--

SCHNELL! SCHNELL! KILL THOSE CREWMEN--BUT DO NOT DISABLE THE SUBMARINE!

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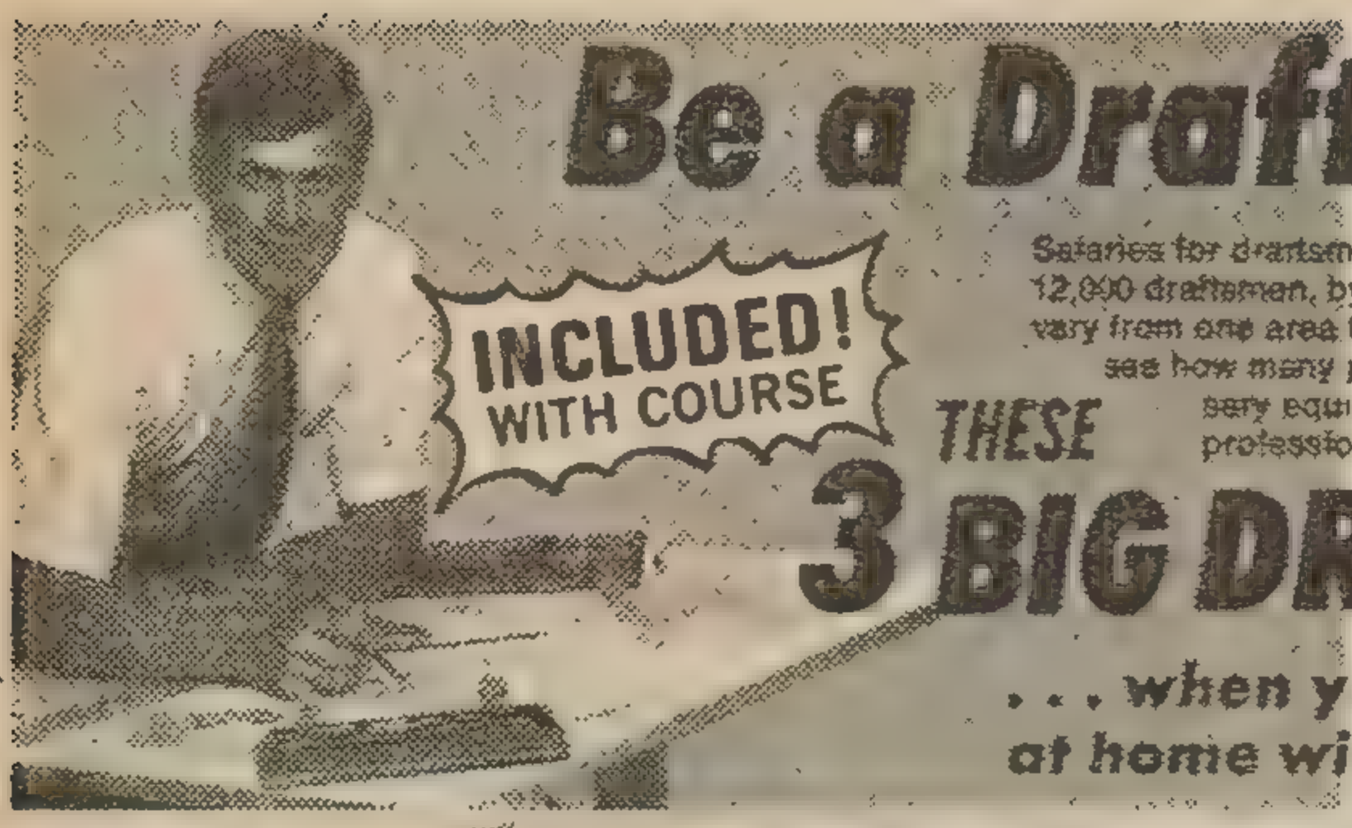

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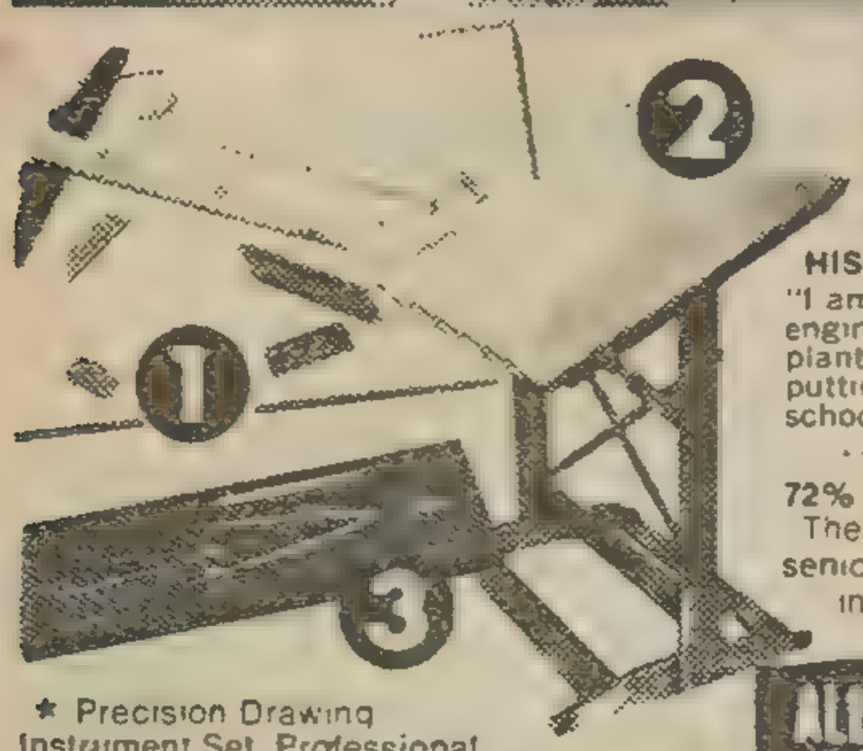

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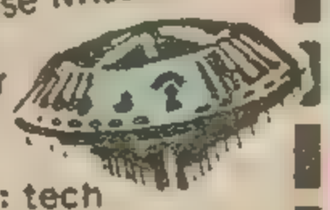

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CAPTAIN! ...NOT *YOU*! THE MISSION--

--WILL *FAIL* IF WE DON'T MEET THAT CONVOY!

AND I CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE ON ANYONE *ELSE* BEING ABLE TO SWIM TO THAT U-BOAT *WITHOUT* AN AIR TANK!

AND SO, MOMENTS LATER... AS IF GUIDED BY AN UNEARTHLY SIXTH SENSE, DALEY CUTS HIS WAY THROUGH THE DARK, ICY WATER...

WITHOUT AIR BUBBLES ...KRAUTS *WON'T KNOW* I'M HERE! GOT TO WORK FAST, THOUGH... LESS THAN TWO MINUTES LEFT!

GETTING...*WEAK*! MUST GET BACK TO SUB BEFORE ...MAGNETIC CHARGE BLOWS!

WHILE AT THAT SAME MOMENT...

IT IS *TIME*, CAPTAIN--DO YOU *SURRENDER*?

NO!

FOOLS! YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE!

OPEN FIRE!

WHAAM!

AS THE SMOKE CLEARS...

I-I DON'T SEE THE CAP'N!

THAT CRAZY SCHEME FINISHED HIM ALONG WITH THE KRAUTS!

DON'T BE SO SURE, TAGGART!

CAP'N DALEY! WHA-- THE NAZI COMMANDER!

THE CONNING TOWER PROTECTED HIM FROM BEING KILLED WITH THE OTHERS! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE STUCK WITH A PRISONER!

PRISONER!? WE OUGHTA THROW 'IM RIGHT BACK--

JUST THEN...

CAP'N! THE OTHER U-BOAT!

GET BELOW-- FAST!

HERR KAPITAN--THEY ARE DIVING!

BLAM!

FIRE! FIRE! THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE!

KA-WHOMP!

SHE'S HIT, HERR KAPITAN! BUT SHE'S DIVING!

GET BELOW! WE SHALL FOLLOW THE AMERIKANERS ...AND FINISH THEM!

STEADY, MEN--WE'RE TAKING HER DOWN TO THE CAVERNS!

IDIOTS! YOU ARE DOOMED! YOU CAN NEV--

SHADDUP!

JUST WHAT THE *HELL* DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, TAGGART!

WE'RE *NOT BUTCHERS* --THIS MAN IS A *PRISONER!*

THIS PIG JUST *MURDERED* TWO OF OUR MEN, AND YOU WANNA--

CAPTAIN...WE'VE REACHED THE CAVERNS--AND THE KRAUTS ARE CLOSE BEHIND! WHAT NOW?

JUST *FOLLOW ORDERS*... I'LL GUIDE US!

WE'RE GOING IN!

C-CAPTAIN --IT'S NOT WIDE ENOUGH! WE'LL BE *TRAPPED!*

THE AMERIKANERS ARE GOING *INSIDE* THE CAVERN, MEIN KAPITAN!

THEY TRY TO *OUTFOX* US-- FOLLOW THEM!

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INCREASE SPEED ...*PREPARE TO SURFACE!*

...CAP'N..?

PREPARE TO SURFACE, MAN --NOW!

TH-THEY ARE *SURFACING,* HERR KAPITAN!

THERE MUST BE A BREAK IN THE ROOF OF THE CAVERN! *SURFACE!*

BUT GUIDED ONLY BY THE *BLIND RAGE* OF ITS COMMANDER, THE U-BOAT PULLS UP *TOO SOON* AND..

WE DID IT! CAPTAIN DALEY--*YOU* PULLED US THROUGH!

A PITY IT WAS ALL FOR *NOTHING*, CAPTAIN!

YOU SHOULD HAVE LET ME *DROWN*, CAPTAIN...AS I WOULD HAVE *DONE* IN YOUR PLACE!

NOW I AM TAKING CONTROL OF THIS SUBMARINE...

...AND *YOU*, SEAMAN, WILL BE THE *FIRST* TO D—

WHA--? Y-*YOU* KILLED HIM...!? BUT BEFORE--

BEFORE HE WAS A *PRISONER*-- THEN HE TRIED TO BECOME A KILLER AGAIN!

AND SO, *MINUTES LATER*... AS THE SUN BREAKS ON THE HORIZON...

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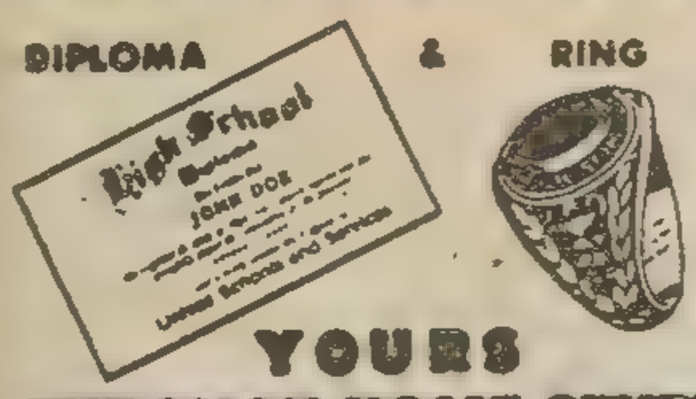

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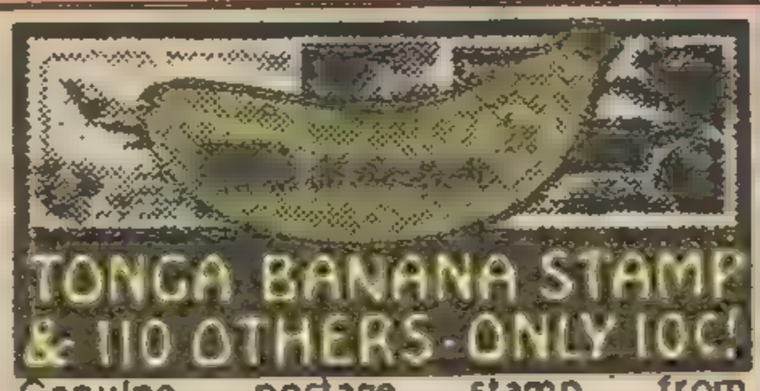

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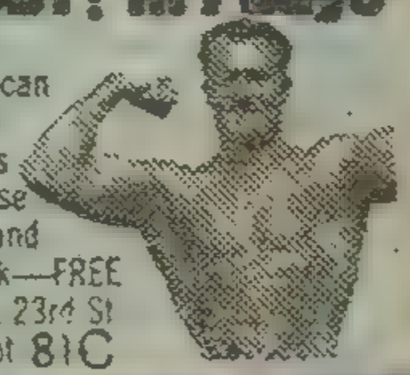

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SEE, HE HAS A MEDAL! A BRAVE LAD! I THINK ELEVEN DEAD BOYS IS ENOUGH!

WAKE UP...SON! WAKE UP...

ONE...TWO MOMENTS LATER...

UH? WHO GOES THERE??

WHY...NOBODY'S HERE! I MUST'VE DREAMED SOME-ONE WAS AROUND!

GOOD THING I'M AWAKE NOW! GOTTA STOP ANY REBS TRYIN' TO SNEAK UP ON OUR LINES!

AND NOT FAR AWAY...

THAT WAS A MISTAKE, MR. PRESIDENT.

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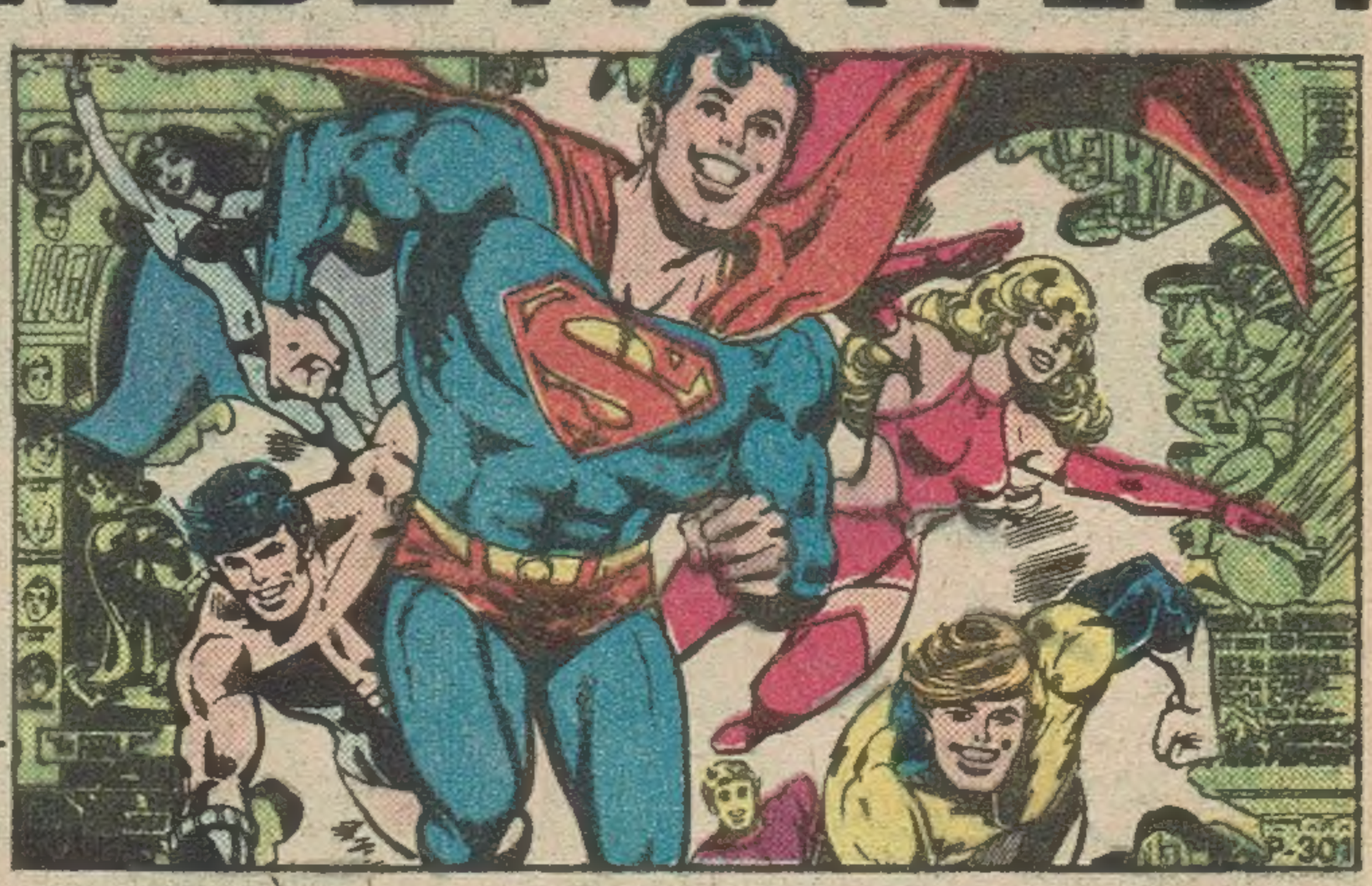

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Q: What magazines did *The Spectre* appear in?—John Runion. *A*: He had his own feature in *MORE FUN COMICS*, *ADVENTURE COMICS* and *THE SPECTRE* (plus a couple of *SHOWCASE* appearances!)

Q: How about a team-up of the two *Robins*?—Michael McGroarty. *A*: There are no plans at present, but perhaps *DETECTIVE COMICS* editor Paul Levitz is listening . . .

Q: What is *Sinestro's* power?—Anonymous. *A*: He has a power ring similar to *Green Lantern's* except that the beam is yellow.

Q: How about a team-up of the Earth-2 *Robin* with the *Huntress*?—Scott Nakasone. *A*: Again, we turn the matter over to Paul Levitz.

Q: How does Ultra Boy change from one power to another?—Randy Stevens. *A*: He can mentally control his power changes.

Q: Is it true they're making a two-hour *Batman* movie for TV?—John Belcher. *A*: We've heard rumors of one, but there is nothing definite at this time.

Q: Any chance *Rose and the Thorn* will be showing up soon?—Annie Gold. *A*: She'll be popping up in *SUPERMAN* #336, on sale in March.

Q: I came across a comic titled *ADVENTURES INTO THE UNKNOWN* and I'd swear the cover is by Kurt Schaffenberger. Did he draw under the name Lou Wahl?—Trinja Reynolds. *A*: Yes.

Q: Who killed Bruce Wayne's parents?—Eric Levine. *A*: A mugger named Joe Chill.

Q: Why does Atlantis have a dome over it? Don't they all breathe underwater?—John Longo. *A*: Yes, they do. The dome is for protection.

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